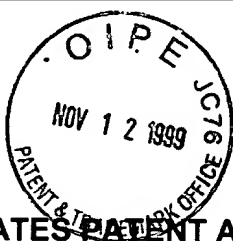


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

This paper is in response to the May 12, 1999 Office Action made final. A check in the amount of \$435.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee for a three month extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, these documents are due November 12, 1999. Applicants have also enclosed a Notice of Appeal along with the required fee of \$150.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 00960-515.

**AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claims 13 and 14, and amend claims 1-4, and 12 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of treatment for a mammal in, or at risk of, chronic renal failure comprising  
administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an OP/BMP renal therapeutic agent[, wherein said OP/BMP renal therapeutic agent comprises] comprising  
a dimeric protein having an amino acid sequence having at least 70% amino acid  
sequence homology with the C-terminal seven-cysteine skeleton of human OP-1, amino  
acids 330-431 of SEQ ID NO:1;

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